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Indigenous System of Medicine.

* 1295 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the students in the College of Indigenous Medicine, Madras, are taught allopathic medicine for two hours per day?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The students are taught allopathic medicine for more than two hours per day."

* 1296 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the name or names of the original books written on any system of Indigenous Medicines purely on the efforts of the Government during the last ten years?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The following books in the Indigenous System of Medicine have been written during the last ten years :—

Siddha.

Noi-illa-Neri.
Materia-Medica, Volume I.
Materia-Medica, Volumes II and III.
Siddha Maruthuvanga Churukkam.
Siddha Medicine, Part I.
Siddha Medicine, Part II.

Ayurveda.

Dravya Guna Vignanam.
Materia-Medica, Special.
Nidana Sastra."

* 1297 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any research is being conducted in any of the branches of Indigenous Medicine in any of the institutions under the management or supervision of the State Government; and

(*b*) if so, what is the branch of medicine and the nature of research conducted?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Research is being done in Ayurveda and Siddha branches in the College of Indigenous Medicine, Madras. The main work relates to the treatment of patients with certain drugs, assessing the result scientifically, testing the efficacy of the drugs, writing and compiling of text books in Ayurveda and investigation of Indigenous plants."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" The Hon. Minister stated that the students are taught allopathic medicine for more than two hours per day. That being the case, may I know why they are not recruited for Government service along with other doctors? "